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ABIDJAN FOR USDAO, PARIS FOR MELONE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MOLL, FR, DM
SUBJ: BENINESE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED FRENCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE JUNE 23 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KEREKOU EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT PROVIDED THE USUAL DONATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. KEREKOU REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR WOULD INTERCEDE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PREVIOUS LEVELS.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST HIS GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN BENIN/DAHOMEY ANNUALLY BETWEEN 150 AND 200 MILLION CFA WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PRIMARILY VEHICLES, AMMUNITION,
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AND SPARE PARTS. FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE AND MILITARY ADVISORS IN 1976, FRENCH GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO SUSPEND THIS GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT FRENCH SHOULD CONTINUE MILITARY MATERIEL ASSISTANCE AT FORMER LEVEL SINCE IT WOULD ENABLE WEST TO MAINTAIN SOME FORM OF LEVERAGE UPON BENINESE MILITARY. HE EXPECTS TO RECOMMEND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER

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